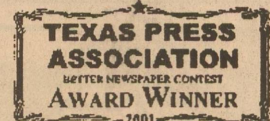
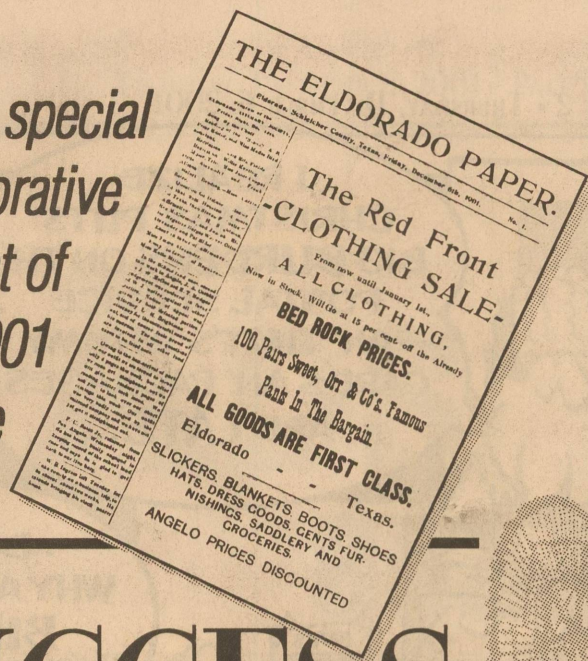


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Eldorado Success turns 100

R.L. Carothers' dream moves into second century

by Randy Mankin

We had put the newspaper to bed, meaning we were finished and ready to take the thing to press, when last week's ice storm turned into a beautiful snow storm. That sent my wife Kathy scurrying with her camera. It isn't often we get to put snow photos in The Success, so when an opportunity presents itself we don't let it pass.

Kathy returned a few minutes later, we downloaded the digital camera, and I pulled up the photo in Adobe PhotoShop. A few quick keystrokes and mouse clicks later

Editor's note: Exactly 100 years after the first edition of "The Eldorado Paper" rolled off the press in R.L. Carothers' office, we offer this, our 100th Anniversary Edition. Inside you will find a reprint of the very first issue. It's a little rough, since the only surviving copy was in very bad condition. However, with the use of a photo scanner and other technology, most of it has been restored. I hope you will enjoy reading it as much as I did.

I dropped the photo into the front page layout. (It replaced a picture of the completed airport runway...I figured we could run that one later.) I printed out a patch with the new picture and caption, Kathy pasted it in and we were off to the press...which meant a 50-mile

drive on a sheet of ice.

Some people seemed genuinely surprised when the newspaper came out on time last week. One lady said she thought the ice storm would force a delay. I told her what any good newspaper man would tell her, that we take our deadlines very seriously and won't miss one if it can possibly be avoided.

Getting the paper to press is quite different now than it was in 1901. Back then R.L. Carothers had his own press and he could turn off as many papers as he needed. These days, however, most small town papers cannot afford to own a press. And, the ones that do usually print several other papers to help offset the cost.

Offset, there's a word that R.L. Carothers probably wouldn't recognize. We print The Success nowadays on an offset press. That means the paper never touches the printing plate. Instead, the ink is transferred from the plate, onto a rubberized blanket, which in turn puts the ink onto the paper.

In his day, R.L. Carothers printed on a hand-turned press where one sheet at a time was placed and "pressed" onto the inked type.

One sheet at a time...that's another big change. Today's web offset presses print all pages of the paper, both sides - front and back, at the same time. Each individual paper is folded and cut while the press is running at high speed.

For the past dozen or so years,

The Success has been printed in San Angelo at Publisher's Web on Sherwood Way. There, Johnny and Cindy Kirby take The Success' layout boards each week and turn them into the newspaper you receive in your mailbox or pick up off the newsstand. Helping Johnny and Cindy at the press are Steve Rankin and Fernando Garcia.

Besides the way we print the paper, lots of other things have changed around the newspaper office since R.L. Carothers' day. Things like computers, digital cameras, flat bed imaging scanners, laser printers and police scanners. And then there's the internet.

Ah, yes...the internet. About five months ago The Success moved from a print-only medium into cyberspace with the launch of its new internet website. Entitled "MyEldorado.net", the website contains many of the stories that appear in each week's Success. It also provides the latest local headlines, links to state and national news as well as direct links to the latest doppler radar, weather conditions and forecasts. The website



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO

R.L. Carothers printed the first issue of "The Eldorado Paper" on December 6, 2001. Five years later he sold the newspaper to A.T. Wright, who renamed it "The Eldorado Success."

is still under construction and we hope to continue expanding it in the coming weeks.

While R.L. Carothers might not recognize much about the way newspapers are created today, there are still a few things he would undoubtedly understand. Things like selling ads and explaining deadlines to people who

come through the door a few minutes after the newspaper has gone to press. Then there is the task of news gathering. I doubt if that's changed very much.

I would probably be the one with the most to learn. If it were only possible for me to go back in time, Mr. Carothers would no doubt have

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Icy roads contribute to numerous accidents

Roads slick with ice and snow caused numerous traffic accidents last week following after a winter storm blanketed the area. At least one accident resulted in injuries. That one occurred at 9:24 p.m. on Thursday, November 28 at the intersection of East Street and U.S. Highway 190 East.

Firefighters and EMS personnel worked in the frigid weather to free Christopher Jamal Caples, 20, of San Angelo, after the 1994

Chevrolet Cavalier he was driving was struck broadside by a 2001 Kia driven by Rebecca Marie Sandate of Killeen. Volunteers used the Jaws of Life to rip open the driver's side door and extract Caples from the Chevy. He was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries.

Sandate was cited for Failure to Control Speed and No Liability

Insurance. Meanwhile, Caples was cited for Failure to Yield Right of Way at Stop Sign. He was arrested the next day for Driving While License Suspended.

According to Deputy Jason Chatham's report accident report, Sandate's car was traveling west bound on U.S. 190. Caples' car, traveling south on East Street, failed to stop and was struck broadside in the intersection.



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Breaking and entering — Volunteer firefighter Michael Faull used the Jaws of Life last Thursday to free Christopher Jamal Caples of San Angelo from his vehicle following a 2-vehicle accident at the intersection of East Street and U.S. Highway 190 East. Caples was taken by Schleicher County EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated for injuries.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Another week's Success — Steve Rankin and Cindy Kirby worked on negatives of last week's Success. Each week Cindy shoots photos of the newspaper's layout boards. The negatives are then used to burn plates which are placed on the web press and used to print the paper.

Grand Jury hands down nine felony indictments

Schleicher County grand jurors met Monday and handed down nine felony indictments Monday against seven individuals. A new jury was seated for the hearing which was held behind closed doors in the 2nd floor courtroom of the Schleicher County Courthouse.

According to 51st District Attorney Steve Lupton, the grand jurors issued indictments in every case it heard. Among the indictments listed were:

Daniel Guerra, Jr., 19, of Eldorado - Felony Criminal Mischief (by damaging property belonging to another);

Linda Cumpian, 66, of Sonora - Attempt to Obtain Prescription by Fraud (by altering prescription.);

Norman Smith, 45, of Eldorado - Felony Stalking;

Jeffery London, 23, of San Angelo - Possession of a Controlled Substance (traffic stop by Deputy Jason Chatham)

Eduardo Elias, 19, of Eldorado - Burglary of a Habitation and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle;

Juan Olguin, Jr., 17, of Eldorado - Burglary of a Habitation and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Juan Roberto Rodriguez, 17, of Eldorado - Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

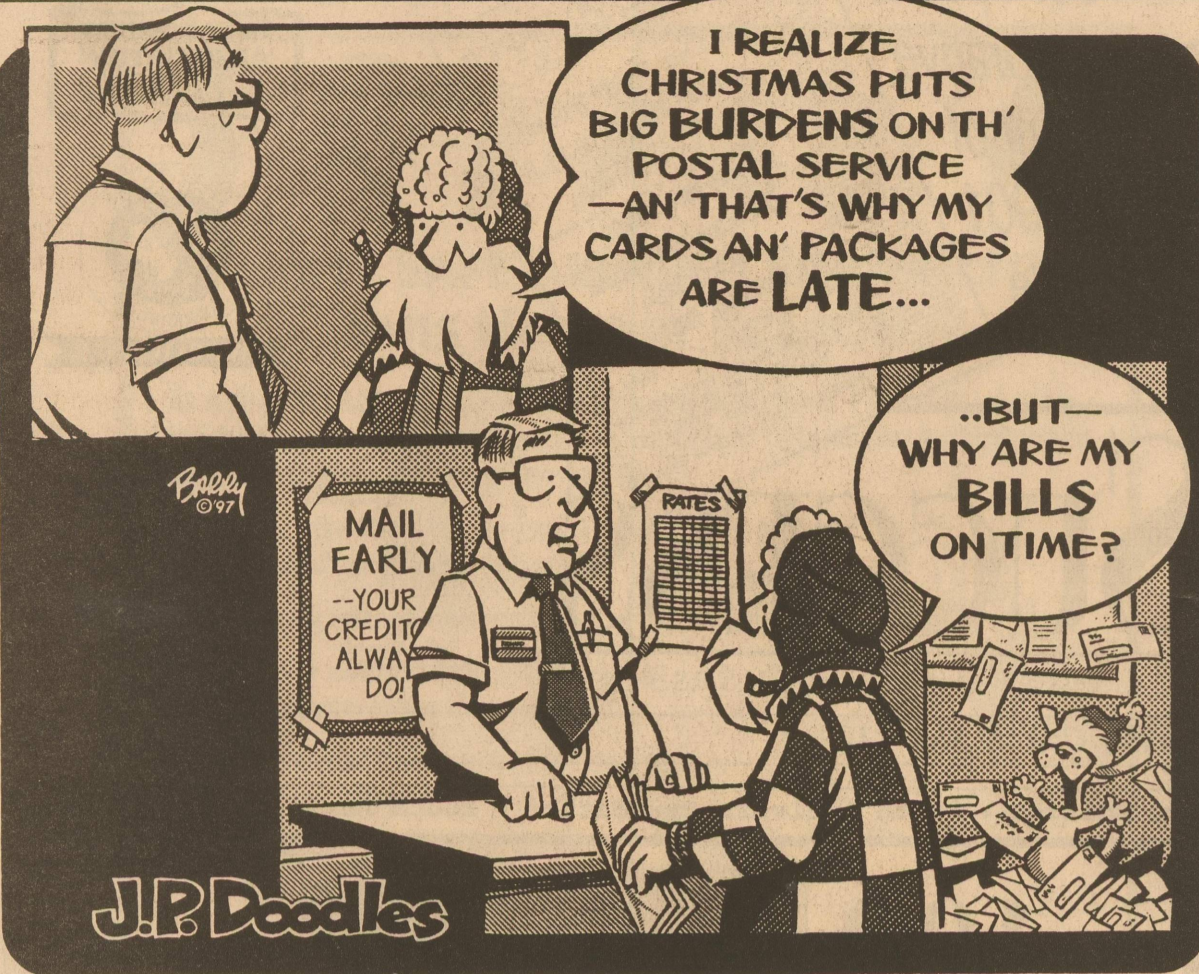
An indictment means that ?? of 12 grand jurors believe that sufficient evidence exists for an individual to be brought to trial in a court of law.

Chamber's petition for alcohol sales election fails

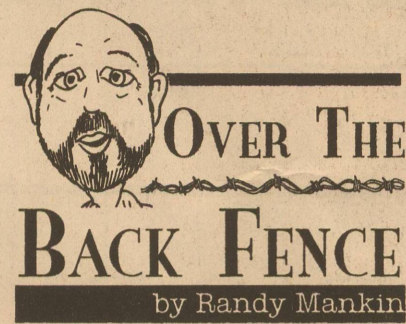
A petition, sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, calling for a special election on the question of the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, failed to obtain the 622 signatures necessary to call the election.

James Kosub told the Success on Tuesday that the petition had garnered "three or four hundred" signatures. However, he said when it became obvious that the effort would fail that no one went to the trouble to actually count the names.

Kosub said that the Chamber's board of directors will meet soon to discuss its options.



Believe it or not, the Mankins have yet another birthday to celebrate today



As important as the 100th birthday of the Success might be, the Mankin clan is celebrating another birthday today, that of our daughter, Sarah.

It was twenty years ago when Sarah came screaming into our lives. I say screaming because that's exactly what she was doing the first time I laid eyes on her.

Unlike other modern dads, I chose not to go in the delivery room when Sarah was born. Instead, I passed the time away in the waiting room, pacing the floor, watching a football game, pacing the floor some more and working a Rubik's Cube puzzle.

My mother snapped a photo of me with the puzzle in my hands. To this day Kathy (and Sarah, too) be-

lieve that the only thing I did that day was play with that stupid puzzle. I don't know why my Mom couldn't have gotten a picture while I was pacing the floor.

Anyway, a nurse brought Sarah out for me see. She was all red and wrinkled...and crying at the top of her lungs. "She's a healthy one," the nurse said. "What are you going to name her?"

Without a moment's hesitation I answered, "Sarah!"

Kathy and I had decided on Sarah as a girl's name well before she was born. But, we were not expecting a girl. The doctor had told us the baby would be a boy. So had my Aunt Sharon, who up to that point always seemed to know.

The boy's name, James Langly, (James for my Dad - Langly for my Granddad), was all picked out and ready to go. But Sarah had other plans.

We named Sarah after Kathy's grandmother. Her full name is Sarah Ashley, but around our house she came to be known as Pookie.

Three and a half years later our son came along and we brought back the name James Langly. But, we call him J.L.

I guess it was last year when I first became aware that Sarah's 20th birthday fell on the same day as the newspaper's 100th. Talk about a coincidence. Now we're celebrating two at once.

Birthday parties were a big deal when Sarah was little. At that time Kathy was a stay-at-home Mom and I was working in the oilfield. I was gone from home a lot so we tried to make up for it by making her birthday's special.

I dreamed up a story about a mythical "Birthday Bird" who came to decorate the house on children's 5th birthday. Sarah bought the story hook, line and sinker.

A few years later, Kathy and I bought the Success from Gary and Cathy Smith. The oilfield was in one of its many slumps and we were looking for a way to stay in Eldorado so Sarah and J.L. could finish school here. The newspaper seemed like a golden opportunity. Little did I realize what a great deal it was.

If you want to spend time at your children's activities without missing work, buy yourself a small town newspaper. You get to cover all the school functions and activities. Which is where you want to be if your kids are participating.

Sarah is at college now, but she will be coming home today for the newspaper's 100th Anniversary party. If she doesn't already know it, then she ought to at least suspect that we're going to be celebrating her birthday, too. After all, Kathy and I had a daughter before we ever dreamed of owning a newspaper.

3-judge panel issues state redistricting maps

AUSTIN - Unless the matter is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Texas redistricting process is over for another decade.

Even if the high court takes it up, any ruling it made likely would not affect the 2002 elections in Texas.

Most maps chart existing geography, but the maps approved Nov. 28 by an appointed panel of three federal judges will redefine Texas' political landscape.

The effort began during the 77th Legislature, when lawmakers armed with 2000 Census data tried to handle the redistricting process themselves.

When that effort died of partisan politics, the issue went to the Legislative Redistricting Board. When lawsuits were filed after the board released its maps, the issue

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



went to the three-judge panel for resolution.

This is how it sorts out: Made up of two Democratically appointed judges and one Republican, the panel left the proposed Senate map untouched. Of the 31 Senate seats, 19 could go Republican based on the redrawing.

As it stands now, the Senate has 15 Democrats, 15 Republicans and one vacancy. The judicial panel did tinker a bit with the House redistricting map. Of the 150 seats, 88 could end up in the hands of the GOP.

Presently, the House is the only body still controlled by Democrats. Seventy-eight of its members represent the party that once controlled the state, with 72 members being Republicans.

The plan approved by the three judges pits 37 incumbents against a fellow House member. Even more significantly, the plan threatens the political future of House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center, the state's highest-ranking Democrat.

When the legislature meets again in January 2003, three Republicans will be running against Laney: Tom Craddock of Midland, Edmund Kuempel of Seguin and Brian McCall of Plano.

Laney has said he still intends to seek reelection.

Mold ruling made

After sitting through public hearings and reviewing staff recommendations, Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor has reached a decision on the contentious issue of mold coverage.

Bottom line is that Texans will continue to be able to buy basic insurance for mold damage, but policyholders might have to start picking up the high cost of testing and clean up.

Barrientos enters DWI plea

State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos has pled no contest to driving while intoxicated and has been assessed one year's probation.

Austin police arrested the Austin Democrat Nov. 21. He refused

to take a breath test.

The senator paid a \$500 fine and must do 40 hours of community service. In addition, he cannot consume alcohol for one year and must receive alcohol counseling. The breath test refusal netted him a 180-day driver license suspension as well.

Indian casino update

The Speaking Rock Casino in El Paso County can stay open while the Tigua tribe and the state continue their legal dispute over whether the gambling operation is lawful.

That ruling, made Nov. 27 by a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, will keep the dice rolling and roulette wheels spinning until the tribe's appeal of a federal shutdown order has run its course.

The Tiguas say the casino brings in some \$60 million annually. The facility, located at Ysleta down the Rio Grande from El Paso, employs 850 persons, only 50 of them Tiguas.

Up to the minute weather



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Elvis and You

Kay Baby Hunter lives in Rusk. She used to be Elvis Presley's hair dresser. She has just made a CD entitled "ELVIS & YOU." It's about her travels with the famous star.

"Elvis was an ordinary man that lived a very unordinary life," says Kay. "He had terrible, fine, thin hair. Then they started dyeing it for the movies and then they dyed it because of the lights. I have actually cut his hair and never saved any of it because I've been in a salon all my life and the first thing you're taught is when you get through with the haircut you sweep that hair up and put it in the trash. And that's exactly what I did with all his hair."

Once she was combing his hair backstage at the Hilton in Las Vegas. "When I finished combing it, he walked on stage and threw his head back and that hair went everywhere. You couldn't even tell I had combed it. He liked to throw his hair around by shaking his head."

When she wasn't on the road with Elvis, she maintained her beauty salon. "Elvis was the greatest thing in the world for my business. I'd be gone from ten to twelve days and if you owned a business back in that day and time and you left for two weeks you wouldn't have any business when you got back. But it was kinda like a continuing soap opera. So whether the customers liked him or not they just couldn't wait to come hear about everything that had been going on."

Kay can hold an audience by herself even if she didn't have stories about Elvis. She is a character who loves to laugh and talk. She can make a trip to the grocery store sound like the most fascinating journey a person could take. When you're with her, you feel like you're at the center of the universe.

Kay's CD chronicles the time from 1971 to 1977, when she worked for Elvis. She tells about the real Elvis, the one few people knew. "There were no limits to his kindness. He once gave his fur coat to a man who was cold."

She tells about Grandma Presley, the pool hustler; about Elvis's buying cars for strangers, his thoughts on religion and his life in Memphis. The CD is full of good, humorous stories. Once when a crazy man was going to kill Elvis after a concert in Austin, Kay chased him out of the parking lot while Elvis was in his limousine watching the whole thing and laughing. Once enroute to a concert, he stopped a fight while wearing his tiger suit. Kay Baby tells about instances where people came up to him and told him he looked a lot like Elvis Presley. He told them, "Yeah, people tell me that all the time."

Kay relates the story of taking a bunch of high school band members to Graceland, Elvis's home in Memphis. She tells about the singer's death and funeral. The CD is available at Kay Baby Hunter, 108 S. Main in Rusk, Texas 79785. Her phone number is 903 683-4285.

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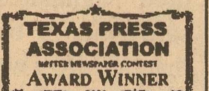
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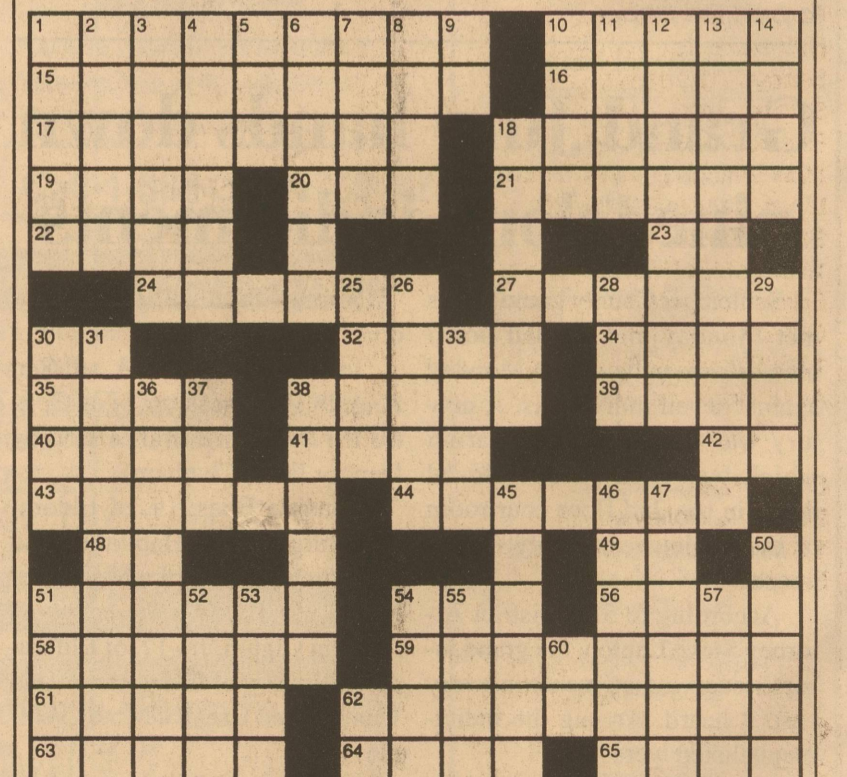
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OBITUARIES

Ernest Ledbetter, Jr.

ELDORADO — Ernest Noel Ledbetter Jr. passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001. Service was held Saturday, Dec. 1, at First Baptist Church of Eldorado with burial in Oakview Cemetery in Mullin.

Ernest was born Aug. 3, 1951, in Goldthwaite and had spent most of his life working in the oilfield and driving trucks. Ernest had resided the past nine months in Eldorado driving a truck for Moore's Ranch.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Noel Ledbetter Sr. and Dorothy Ledbetter. He is survived by his two sons,

Tim Ledbetter and wife, Regina, of Albany and Jordon Ledbetter of Tow; three daughters Jeannie and Blake Scott of Plainview, Misty and James Hughes of Johnson City and Vanessa and Charlie New of Albany; two brothers, Dana Ledbetter and wife, Helen, of Eldorado, and Deryl Ledbetter of Kingsland; a sister, Margie Utzman and husband, Leslie, of Dayton; seven grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Howard Ledbetter, Mason Ledbetter, Mark Graves, Walter Powell Jr., Brent Moore and Barney McAlpine.

Deborah Ann Hail

SONORA — Deborah Ann Hail of Sonora lost a courageous fight with cancer on Nov. 27, 2001. Although this was not her first battle with cancer, sadly it proved to be her last. Deb was born June 19, 1951, to Kenneth and Wincie Hail in San Angelo, Texas. She was a graduate of San Angelo Central High School and Angelo State University.

Deb's body was donated to the UTSA Health Science Center. Honoring her request for no funeral services, there was a memorial and celebration of her life at the Sonora Cemetery on Thursday, Nov. 29. The Rev. Lewis Allen of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sonora conducted the memorial service.

For twenty years Deb was an employee of Halliburton Company in Sonora and Midland. Her desire to "come home" brought her back to Sonora where she most recently worked for Rafter W Feed Store. Her wonderful spirit and

dedication always put her at the top of the list when a volunteer was needed.

She organized and worked to make many local events successful including the Fling Ding, Sutton County Days, Chili Cook-Off and Sonora Game Dinner to name a few. She put many a mile on her old gray pickup hauling Kelly to barrel races and rodeos. If you couldn't find her on the road or socializing, you could find her playing softball or watching the Cowboys play football.

Deb's friends were countless, and they filled her life with love and laughter. Close friends remember her as "Cupcake" or "Hot Dawg," but all who knew her remember her courage, strength and quick wit. The memories she leaves with her family and friends are endless.

Deb's beloved father, Kenneth Hail, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter, Kelly Ponsetti-Avritt; son-in-law, John Avritt; precious grandsons, Jake Ponsetti and Luke Avritt; her mother, Wincie Hail; brother, Steve Hail and his wife, Corrie; two nieces, Amy Hail Irons and Jennifer Hail Bell; and a nephew, Eric Hail. She also leaves her special companion, friend and caregiver, Mel Holt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

One of Deb's favorite lines was, "I've hit a snag, I'm running late." Well Deb, we wish this snag would have lasted longer because we will miss you more than words can express.

NY City firefighter to get escort through Eldorado

A New York City paramedic, Frank Riboni, traveling to Sonora for a program at the school there, will be given a hero's escort through Eldorado by Sheriff's Department officers, Fire Department, and the EMS volunteers next Monday at 9:30 a.m. Eldorado students will line the street near the school to cheer on the paramedic and show their support for all the New York City heroes in the wake of the September 11, 2001 tragedy at the World Trade Center. The public is urged to attend, as well.

SCISD's Sr. Citizen Christmas dinner slated for Dec. 13

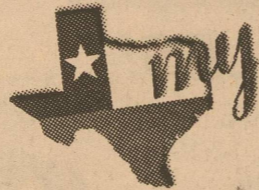
Schleicher County Independent School District will be hosting its 5th annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner in the Eldorado High School cafeteria on Thursday, December 13, 2001. The meal begins at 12 noon. Please R.S.V.P. to 853-2549 ext. 421 no later than December 7. All local seniors citizens are cordially invited to come and eat and listen to Christmas carols.

Christmas Posada slated for Dec. 11th

Have you ever had the opportunity to experience a Mexican Christmas Posada? Do you even know what it is? Well, the Posada is a centuries-old Mexican caroling tradition. The word "posada" literally means "lodging," and during a posada the participants reenact Joseph and Mary's search for lodging in Bethlehem.

In an effort to bring about greater cultural understanding, the Nuevos Amigos, an extracurricular student group at Schleicher County ISD, together with local 4th graders, are hosting a Christmas Posada on Tuesday December 11, 2001 at the Schleicher County Memorial Building, beginning at 7:00 p.m. You will witness a unique combination of English and Mexican songs and foods, and, of course, for the little ones there will be a piñata. Come and join the fun!

For more information contact Ilse Williams, at 853-2514 ext. 235.



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COURTESY PHOTO
Andrea Lee Meador

It's A Girl

Stan and Gloria Meador are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Andrea Lee Meador. Andrea Lee arrived at 5:33 p.m. on November 20, 2001 (on her granpa Lynn's birthday). She weighed 6.11 lbs and was 20 5/8 inches long.

Grandparents are Jose and Gloria Safont of Castellon, Spain, and Lynn and Christy Meador of Eldorado. Great-grandparents are Ed and Sue Meador of Eldorado.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Dorothy Dacy

Kappa Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its annual Thanksgiving dinner for husbands and guest on November 27, 2001. Eighteen people braved a cold evening to meet in the Memorial Building and enjoy a ham dinner complemented by side dishes and desserts prepared by members. Hostesses Flora Hubble, Mary Leigh Dunagan and Barbara Jackson decorated the downstairs South room in fall colors on lace tablecloths. Flora's pilgrim theme placemats added a touch of nostalgia to the decorations.

The event also served as a rush social with perspective member Doris Vanecek attending. Former members Mary Nolen and Wendi Lovette were present and invited to rejoin Beta Sigma Phi. Also present were Wendi's children Sloan and Conner. The other youngsters attending were Kaitlyn Lindsey along with her parents Hugh and Linda Lindsey. Other members and guest enjoying an evening of food and fellowship were: Steve and Kim-et Nelson, Dock Hubble, Delmer Jackson, Dorothy Clark and Monroe and Dorothy Dacy.

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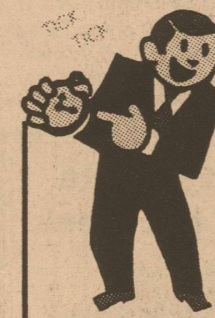
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Retired H'way employees to meet Monday

Retired Highway Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 10 at Zentner's Daughter's Restaurant, 1901 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

The purpose of the luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships.

Spouses are invited to the luncheon.



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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

How the weather can change - Saturday, Dec. 2nd was a perfect day, but, Sunday, Dec. 3rd, our regular Play Day was cloudy, misty and cool - luckily "no wind". We had 25 adults and 1 youth, Cash Lane.

1st Place Score 58 - Jon Cartwright, Melissa O'Harrow and Bill Wells.

2nd Place Score 59 - Ross Whitten, Danny Halbert and C.R.

3rd Place Score 59 - Victor Belman, Keith Nolen, George Scott and Gordon Jones.

Score card play off for 2nd and 3rd place.

There is always a "first" Moses, Wayne, Joe and Karen, we are sorry you all were still playing when we checked out and paid off.


It worked out OK, but, could have been different - I'm sorry.

For the year 2001 we had 445 golfers out to enjoy our once-a-month Play Days.

Our next Play Day will be January 6th.

We wish everyone a safe, Merry Christmas.

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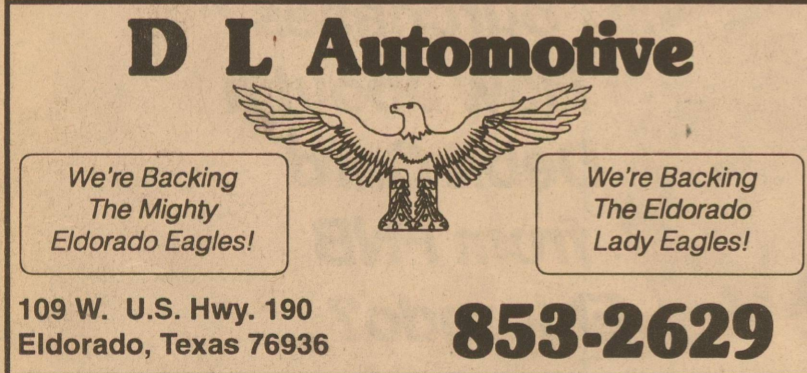
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VARSITY BOYS

November 19, 2001
Eldorado 17-08-12-20=57
Winters 12-09-21-12=54
Wesley Jones 8, Tony Fay 14, Bobby Phillips 2, Thomas Ballew 4, Phillip Martinez 3, Ramon Barajas 15, Benji Gonzalez 11. 3 Point Goals: Phillip Martinez (1), Ramon Barajas (2). Record: Wins(1) Losses(0).

November 20, 2001
Eldorado 08-17-15-09=49
Irion Co. 14-18-11-16=61
Wesley Jones 3, Tony Fay 4, Bobby Phillips 2, Quisto Gonzalez 2, Thomas Ballew 5, Phillip Martinez 6, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 11, Ramon Barajas 13. 33 Point Goals: Phillip Martinez (1) and Ramon Barajas (1). Record: Wins(1) Losses(1).

November 27, 2001
Eldorado 21-21-23-24=89
Rocksprings 12-08-03-12=35
Wesley Jones 12, Tony Fay 21, Quisto Gonzalez 5, Thomas Ballew, Phillip Martinez 10, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 4, Ramon Barajas 21, Benji Gonzalez 8. 3 Point Goals: Tony Fay (1), Quisto Gonzalez (1), Phillip Martinez (1), Ramon Barajas 7. Record: Wins(2) Losses(1).

November 29, 2001
1st Game Ballinger Tournament
Eldorado 07-16-13-19=55
Winters 15-10-14-23=62
Wesley Jones 12, Tony Fay 21, Quisto Gonzalez 5, Thomas Ballew, Phillip Martinez 10, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 4, Ramon Barajas 21, Benji Gonzalez 8. 3 Point Goals: Tony Fay (1), Quisto Gonzalez (1), Phillip Martinez (1), Ramon Barajas 7. Record: Wins(2) Losses(2).

VARSITY BOYS

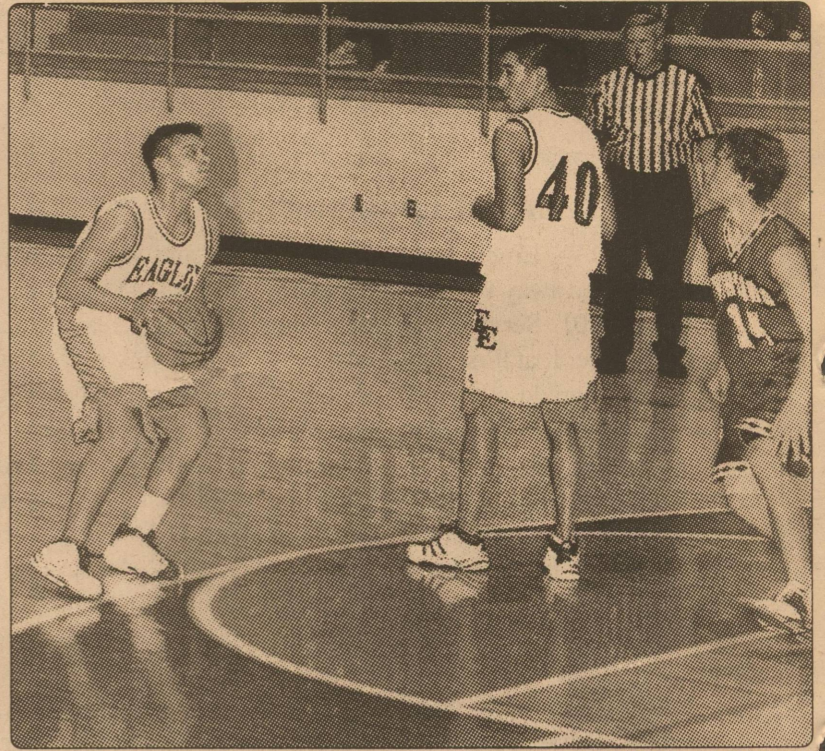
November 30, 2001
2nd Game Ballinger Tournament
Eldorado 12-10-34-13=69
Coleman 11-12-05-15=43
Wesley Jones 2, Tony Fay 9, Quisto Gonzalez 7, Phillip Martinez 2, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 11, Ramon Barajas, Benji Gonzalez 22. 3 Point Goals: Ramon Barajas (1). Record: Wins(3) Losses(2).

November 30, 2001
3rd Game Ballinger Tournament
Eldorado 08-21-11-18=58
Lakeview 29-17-24-18=88
Wesley Jones 13, Tony Fay 16, Bobby Phillips 5, Thomas Ballew 4, Phillip Martinez 7, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 2, Ramon Barajas 11. 3 Point Goals: Wesley Jones (1) and Tony Fay (1). Record: Wins(3) Losses(3).

December 1, 2001
4th Game Ballinger Tournament
Eldorado 25-19-17-22=83
Jim Ned 18-22-11-19=70
Wesley Jones 2, Tony Fay 21, Bobby Phillips 6, Quisto Gonzalez 2, Thomas Ballew 10, Phillip Martinez 12, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 2, Ramon Barajas 12, Benji Gonzalez 16. 3 Point Goals: Tony Fay (3), Benji Gonzalez (1). Record: Wins(4) Losses(3).

JV BOYS

November 27, 2001
Eldorado 17-07-16-12=52
Rocksprings 04-08-03-13=28
Trey Chavez 19, Mike Adame 6, Ray David Buitron 6, Jordan Fay 10, Logan Neal 6, Bryce Leggett 2, Danny Sanchez 2, Kolby Dombroski 2.



Plant and shoot — Benji Gonzalez, who was named to the All-Tournament Team in Ballinger last week is shown here as he readied for a shot against Winters in Eagle Gym two weeks ago.

Eagles boys basketball team improving as season develops

by Coach Alan Gillespie

The Eagles boys varsity team carries a 4-3 record after the opening two weeks of play. The team went 2-2 in the highly competitive Ballinger Tournament where Benji Gonzalez was named to the All-Tournament team.

So far this season the Eagles have lost to Winters, Lakeview and Irion County and have beaten Winters, Coleman, Jim Ned and Rocksprings.

Eldorado played Reagan County there on Tuesday will be participating in the Ozona Tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The team should get a boost when returning letterman Johnny Herrera joins the team after recovering from a broken collar bone he sustained in the next-to-last football game of the seas. Herrera was named to the 1st Team All-District basketball squad last season. Other players like Ramon Barajas, Josh Taylor and Thomas Ballew, however, will miss parts of the Ozona Tournament due to conflicting test schedules and other events.

JV BOYS

November 29, 2001
Grape Creek JV Tournament
Eldorado 29-08-06-14=57
Christoval 14-00-06-16=36
Trey Chavez 16, Mike Adame 8, Ray David Buitron 8, Jordan Fay 13, J.L. Mankin 2, Logan Neal 4, Eric Garcia 1, Ryan Cathey 1, Danny Sanchez 2, Cole Wilkerson 2.

JV BOYS

November 30, 2001
Grape Creek JV Tournament
Eldorado 19-09-14-13=55
Grape Creek 10-06-10-13=39
Trey Chavez 4, Mike Adame 20, Ray David Buitron 7, Jordan Fay 9, J.L. Mankin 7, Logan Neal 8.

December 1, 2001
Grape Creek JV Tournament
Eldorado 06-05-09-12=32
Brady 10-13-04-11=38
Trey Chavez 11, Mike Adame 13, Ray David Buitron 4, J.L. Mankin 4.
Eldorado JV Boys received a plaque for runner up in the Grape Creek Tournament.



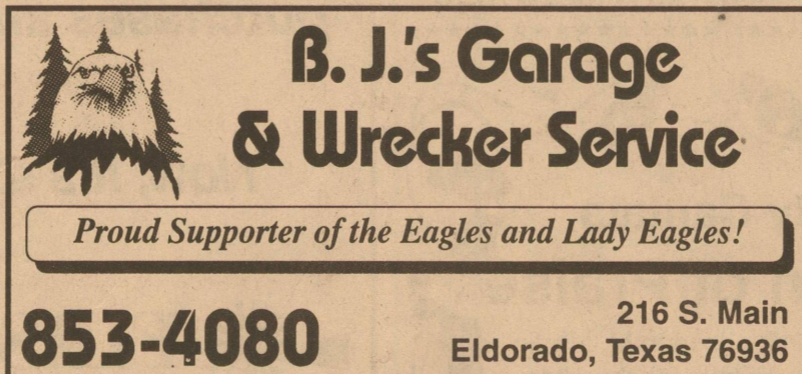
2nd Place Winners — The Eagles JV boys basketball team placed 2nd at the Grape Creek JV Tournament last weekend. The team beat Christoval and Grape Creek before falling to Brady by 6 points in the Championship game despite a dramatic 12-point come back. Team members include (L-R) Ryan Cathey, Eric Garcia, Jeffrey Bybee, Kolby Dombroski, Jordan Fay, John Fay, J.L. Mankin, Trey Chavez, Ray David Buitron, Bryce Leggett, Mike Adame, Logan Neal and Cole Wilkerson.



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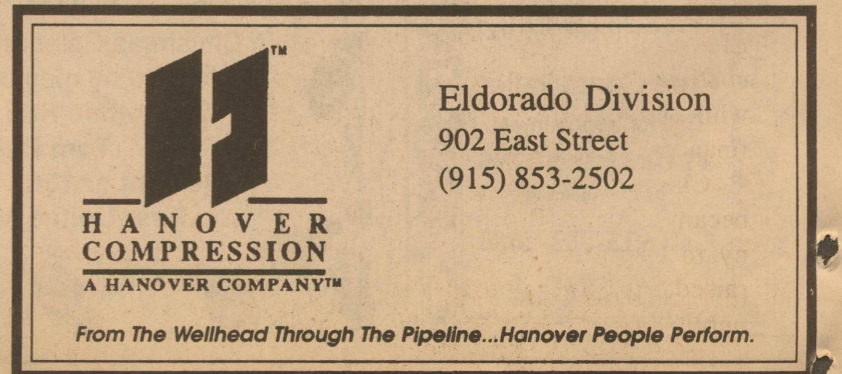
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Tuesday, December 11
Baked Ham, Glazed Candied Sweet Potatoes, Summer Squash, Wheat Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup

Wednesday, December 12
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookies, Milk

Thursday, December 13
Chicken Fried Steak w/ White Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Oranges, Milk

Friday, December 14
Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Corn & Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

100th anniversary good occasion to reflect on value of a strong community newspaper

by Roy G. Robinson
 Publisher, Graham Leader

Celebrations, most will agree, are fun. They generally mark a milestone along the path of life or special achievement in the pursuit of chosen goals. So, congratulations to the Eldorado Success. And congratulations, too, to the residents of Eldorado and Schleicher County. Very few newspapers across the vast landscape of historic West Texas have survived long enough to become a Centennial Year publication. Scores have tried, many have failed, some are still in pursuit. The Eldorado Success has done it. And how better to continue the quest for even greater attainment than to earn the highest recognition its peers in the newspaper profession can award?

Randy and Kathy Mankin and their staff at The Success publish

the best small market weekly newspaper in Texas. They have the hardware to prove it. It was a pleasure to watch and applaud last July in El Paso when The Success was named the sweepstakes winner in the Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. It is, indeed, a special privilege for those who pursue excellence in print journalism to know Randy and Kathy Mankin.

But the real winners are the merchants and residents in Eldorado and Schleicher County and the readers served each week by the Eldorado Success. Imagine your community without a newspaper. Who would factually inform residents about important activities? How would truth overcome wrongful perception? Would students be recognized outside school walls when they excel in the classroom, on the field or on

the court? Would the community be enlightened on topics necessary to succeed? How would prospective shoppers learn of available services or store-buying opportunities?

Would the absence of a watchful eye and editorial voice encourage misdeeds? The list of questions is, of course, much longer. Those who might doubt the value of a community newspaper should ask folks in neighboring Irion County if they miss a community voice. Or residents of Kent, King, Loving and Terrell counties, each, of course, in West Texas. Or perhaps a friend in Hartley County up in the Panhandle, or in LaSalle or McMullen counties in South Texas, or in Kenedy County on the Gulf Coast. Yes, there are nine counties in Texas without a community newspaper to help bolster their foundation.

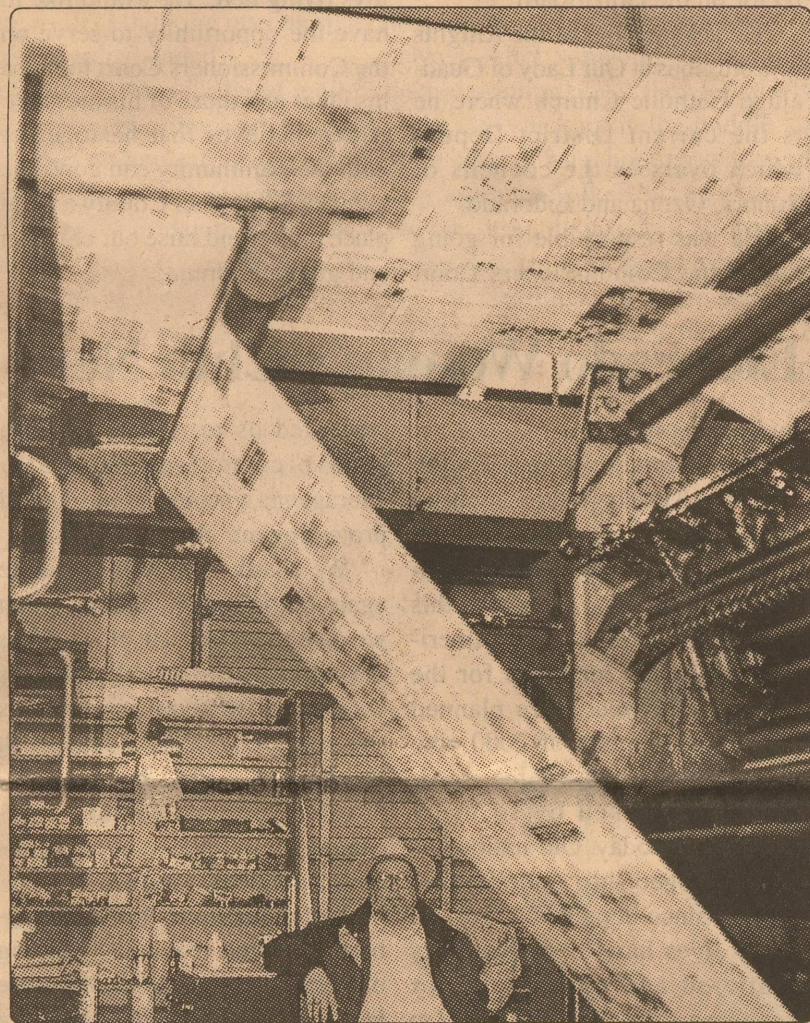
A sage observer once said, "Every good community must have three things - a good school, a good bank and a good newspaper. Without any one of those, it cannot succeed." Find a fading community and you will likely see one of those foundations missing.

Are more rural counties at risk of losing their newspaper? Sadly, yes. Like too many vocations, independently owned newspapers are fewer in number with each generation. Corporate groups are readily acquiring mom-and-pop shops, farms, ranches and newspapers in larger and medium size communities. But in smaller towns too many must lock their doors because there is no buyer.

Yes, the Eldorado Success is

observing its 100th anniversary, but it is the community that has earned the right to celebrate. It has sustained its newspaper for 100 years and put it in the hands of two of the best newspaper operators in the state.

Be proud as you round this centennial milestone and pick up speed. You're in elite company.



Watching another press run — Publisher Randy Mankin watched looked on as last week's edition of the Eldorado Success rolled through the presses. That edition marked the end of the newspaper's first century in print.

Success celebrates 100th year

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a difficult time explaining to me how things used to be done.

R.L. Carothers was in Eldorado for about five years (1901-06), but he left a lasting mark on this town. I hope the newspaper we publish today lives up to the expectations he outlined in the very first issue.

The Success was passed down to Kathy and I through the hands of a number of committed newspaper men - men like A.T. Wright and Fred Gunstead; Ed Meador and Terry Neal; Finis Bratcher and Gary Smith. They ran this newspaper through thick and thin, the wet years

and the dry. They and the newspaper survived through a number of Eldorado's booms and bust cycles.

In one sense, a hundred years seems like a very long time. But, when judged against the backdrop of this region's history, a century is but a fleeting moment, much like a breeze turning the pages of a newspaper. So, I invite you to turn with me now to the special commemorative section inside this edition. It is a reprint of the very first issue published by R.L. Carothers. Turn with me and let's go back in time together and take a look at the way Eldorado used to be and will never be again.

Classic Cable files for bankruptcy protection

Classic Communications, Inc., the Tyler, Texas based company that owns Classic Cable, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last week in a U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware.

The company notified the City of Eldorado of the filing by letter last week. The letter stated that Eldorado cable customers will continue to receive cable service while the company reorganizes its finances.

Classic Communications, Inc. became a publicly traded company in December 1999 when it raised \$180 million in an initial public offering of its stock. At

that time the stock sold for \$25 per share and quickly rose to \$39 per share. As of Tuesday morning, the company's stock, which trades under the ticker symbol CLSCQ, was trading for 13 cents per share.

The bankruptcy filing will allow the company to erase a portion of its debt while restructuring the remainder.

Classic Communications operates the cable TV franchise in Eldorado. According to franchise documents if filed recently with the city, the company has approximately 400 subscribers on the local system.

School Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
 Menus Subject To Change
 Cafeteria Line

Monday, December 10
 Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pears, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Cake w/ Icing

Tuesday, December 11
 Chalupas w/ Tortillas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, December 12
 Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Whole Kernel Corn, Cowboy Cookies

Thursday, December 13
 Baked Ham w/ Pineapple Glaze, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Harvest Cake

Friday, December 14
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Gingerbread w/ Glaze

Breakfast
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, December 10
 Oatmeal, Muffins

Tuesday, December 11
 Egg & Sausage Burrito, Orange Juice

Wednesday, December 12
 Pancakes w/ Syrup, Peanut Butter, Apple Sauce

Thursday, December 13
 Donut, Cheese Sticks, Juice

Friday, December 14
 Cheese Toast, Pineapple Chunks

Fast Food Line

Monday, December 10
 Crisпитos w/ Cheese Sauce, Tater Roundabouts, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Chocolate Cake w/ Icing

Tuesday, December 11
 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, December 12
 BBQ Sandwich, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Sugar Cookies

Thursday, December 13
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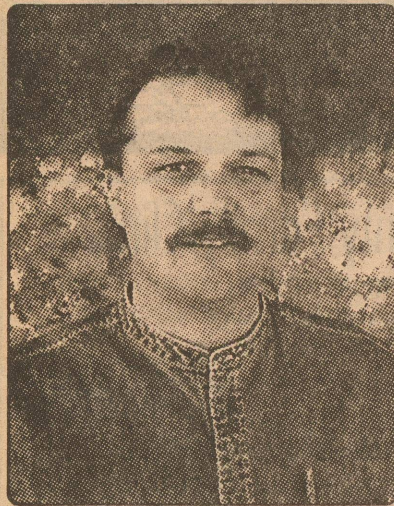
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Commissioner Bill Clark

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I look forward to visiting with each of you in regard to the challenges and opportunities facing our community in future years.

It has been a pleasure serving you, an honor to represent you, and an opportunity I will forever cherish.

Looking forward!
Bill Clark

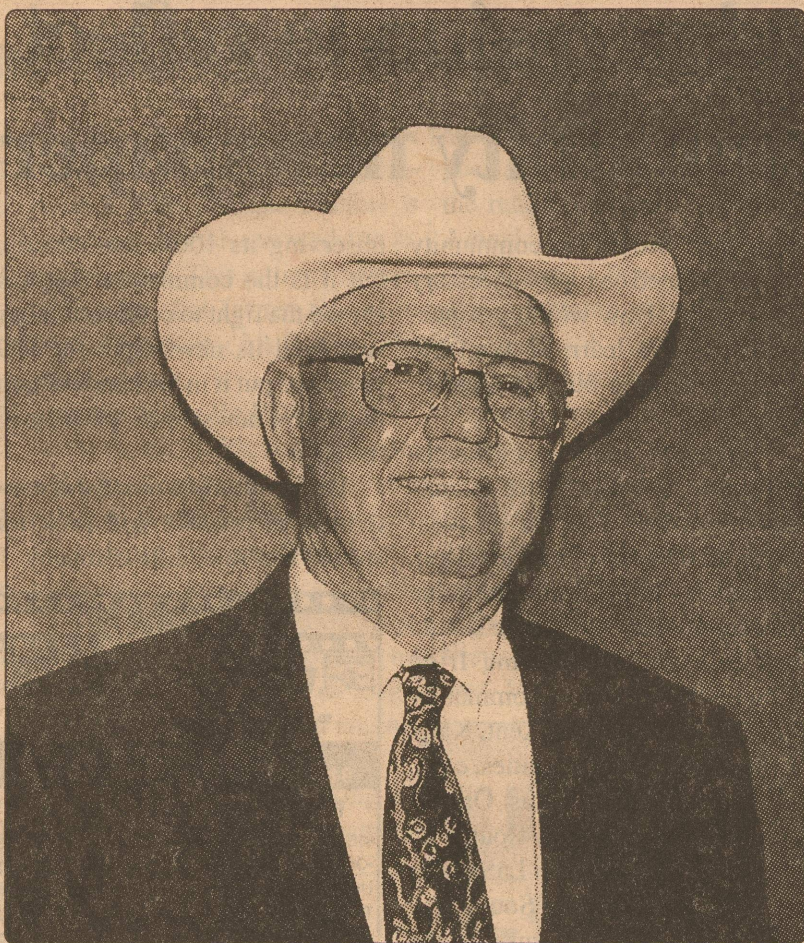


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Justice of the Peace James Doyle

Doyle seeks re-election as J.P.

To The Citizens Of Schleicher County:

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I have enjoyed being your Justice of the Peace and would appreciate your vote and continued support.

Torres announces run for Pct. 2 commissioner

submitted by Albert Torres

Albert Torres is declaring his candidacy for County Commissioner of Precinct 2.

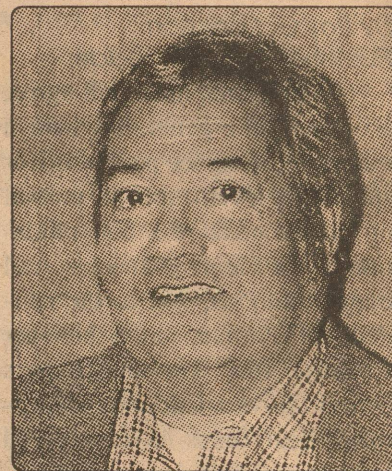
Born and raised in Eldorado, Albert is a product of Schleicher County. He is married to the former Esther Garza, also of Eldorado, and has one daughter, Jennifer of San Antonio.

He graduated from Eldorado High School and attended Business School in Abilene.

For the last 21 years, Albert has been a partner in S&T Roustabouts, an oilfield construction and maintenance company. This has given him knowledge in book-keeping and purchasing of large equipment. He has served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the last 4 years. He has also served on the Civic and Development Committee. At present, Albert is serving as a director on the Golf Board.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where he is the current District Deputy which oversees the councils of Sonora, Ozona and Eldorado.

He was responsible for going before the Commissioners Court



FILE PHOTO
Albert Torres

and getting the baseball field and bleachers situated at the present location. Albert is well qualified to serve on the Commissioners Court. Being Hispanic and bi-lingual, he will bring knowledge, diversity and new ideas to the court.

Albert loves Eldorado and Schleicher County, and truly enjoys living here. He would like to have the opportunity to serve on the Commissioners Court to voice his ideas and those of his precinct. Albert believes that he together with the community can continue to make Schleicher County a great place to live and raise our children and grandchildren.

Eldorado Woman's Club News

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club held their Thanksgiving Luncheon meeting November 13, 2001 at Amigo's Dream Restaurant beginning at 11:39 a.m. Theme for this meeting was "God Bless America". When the meetings for the current Club year were planned during the summer of 2000 who could imagine these three words would be spoken by so many Americans, today. Our nation has been plunged into unbelievable horrors since September 11th. So many lives have been painfully shattered and once again our young warriors have been asked to defend the principles that make our country so great.

President Jo Callison welcomed thirteen members and three guests. Mary Roden next led in a prayer followed by Myrt Williams leading us in pledges to the Flags. We then enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving buffet.

Following our lunch President Callison called on program leader Mary Roden who presented our Guest Speaker Kenneth Richardson. It is always a privilege to hear what Kenneth has to say about the years he served his beloved country during wartime. Through his words we can feel the mightiness of the young men and women who were called upon to defend the great principles of our Nation.

Our very best young people were called on to fight in a terrible war dreamed up by maniacs. It is almost always those who for whatever wild beliefs that can cause the most terrible consequences in their pursuit of madness. It is in the name of right that others have to sacrifice, often making the ultimate sacrifice, to destroy these mad leaders. Kenneth

reminded us to remember with words of comfort and praise to the courageous who are defending and protecting our cherished values.

We thank Kenneth for once again reminding us of how much we owe to so few. He also told us that while he was a soldier that his wife Betty was doing her part as she was a riveter in a factory in Wichita, Kansas. We are very proud of two such valiant Americans. May our nation always produce such people as they.

Following Kenneth's talk members answered role call by giving one reason to be thankful they are an American. Some thoughts were freedom to worship, to speak freely, to assemble peacefully, to be free to enjoy a good life.

Secretary Bobby Sanders and Treasurer Nelva Martin next gave their reports which were then approved as read. Under the heading of new and old business President Callison reminded members of our upcoming December meeting. It will be our annual Christmas Party. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. on December 11th. at the High School Auditorium to begin our meeting with a musical program directed by Joella Parker featuring our 3rd and 4th grade students. After the program members will travel to the home of Mary Roden for out refreshment time and exchanging of Christmas ornaments. The cost of the ornament is not to exceed \$5.00.

Our meeting closed with members reciting our Club Collect. Thought for this meeting was words by Samuel Smith "Our father's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!"

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You may feel a sting — Sid Johnson was one of about 200 who received a flu vaccination this week at the Schleicher County Family Clinic. Here Vickie Farmer is shown administering the shot.

Former editor Nell Edmiston recalls her days at the newspaper

by Nell Edmiston

Last week Randy asked the question, "What would Carothers, Wright, and Gunstead think about computers and digital cameras?" I think that if any one of them walked in the Success office right now, they would be amazed at how easy publishing a newspaper is today. Gone are the heavy pieces of equipment and pots of lead waiting to be melted and the two ton printing press. But, then again, some things in the newspaper world are the same.

I began a short career in the newspaper world just as the old ways of printing a paper were disappearing. After getting a journalism degree from Angelo State University, I could not wait to get out in the big world and meet all kinds of people while I worked for a large newspaper chain. Instead I spent some time working for the San Angelo Standard-Times and married an Eldorado native, Jerry Edmiston. I found myself living here in 1973 thinking my newspaper career had ended.

Later, Ed Meador hired me to write stories two days a week. That began an on and off again career working for a series of newspaper owners here. Friday night I visited the Success office to look at the papers from those years. What memories they brought back.

There were the various people I worked for. Ed's editor was Jim McWilliams who did not believe there was a set rule for anything and put ads and stories in the middle of the page. Ed sold the paper to Terry Neal who always seemed to have a "big deal" going. Terry hired a quiet pressman named Joe Autrey and his fiery wife, Angie, to run his paper. Joe may have been the publisher, but we all knew who ran the show. I began coming in on Wednesdays to help write headlines and picture captions. Later, I began writing features on Fridays. Then, they added circulation chores on Thursdays. My job was not part-time any longer. Terry sold the paper to a company run by Gus Allen who believed people did not read the stories in the paper; they bought the paper for the ads. We had several "discussions" about that.

Suddenly, I was in charge of writing stories, proofreading, taking pictures, developing pictures, selling ads (remember his philosophy), making the ads, laying out pages, taking the paper to San Angelo to be printed, writing paychecks, and handling circulation chores. Now my job was an overtime job! Donna Garvin, Shirley Trimble, and others who have moved away were part of our staff.

Just like the Carothers, Wrights, and Gunsteads, my children became involved with the paper because not all news events happen during regular working hours. All three of my children had to tag along while I took notes or pictures or delivered papers. One day, Rachel sat on top of the papers in the back seat as I was delivering. When I made one of my famous wild turns, she slid off, hit the door handle, and almost fell out. Luckily, she held on to the handle and escaped with only skinned knees. She is also the one who singed her hair by standing in front of the open faced heater in the front office. Will spent a lot of time there practicing his skateboard on the sidewalk.

Anyone who worked in the Success office can testify working in that building is challenge in itself. There is only one heater in the winter and an evaporative cooler in the summer. The floor was and still is with filled holes I felt were expressways for mice and/or snakes. After someone removed the old printing press, they left an outlet that stuck up in the middle of the floor. It was shooting sparks at us when we walked by. An electrician later discovered it was hooked up to 400 volts of electricity! Sometimes the plumbing would present some problems. One day I was printing film in the makeshift developing room and got shocked out of my socks, only to find I was standing in an inch of water.

My fondest memories of that time revolve around the people I

interviewed. Just like my predecessors, I got a lot of news from the courthouse. Johnny Griffin started calling me "Nosy Nell" and I called him "Judge John." Another news source is the school. The most difficult person to interview was Wayne "Mr. Mack" McDonald, the band director. No matter what the question was, I got a one-word answer. Maybe I became a pest because when I went certain places, someone would say, "Be quiet, here comes the newspaper woman."

There weren't many really big stories in those days. In fact, we ran little news bits about anyone who came to town to visit. One big story was the campaign to build the new wing of the elementary school and the cafeteria. We began with a picture of Mary Ruth Wallis teaching a small group of students under the bleachers of the old gym. The next was the campaign to build a new jail because it was mandated by the state or else haul our prisoners to another county. Compliments to a newspaper person are rare, so I will never forget Sheriff Orval Edmiston thanking me for my coverage of the new jail. There was also the installation of the one and only stop light by the courthouse and the blinking lights at the school crossings. I also covered the building of the new First National Bank. Our little staff published special editions on agriculture, oil, churches, and women in the community. I really enjoyed putting those together.

The Mankins are still reporting on things that have endured the

times since Eldorado began - Mias Amigas, high school graduation, the rodeo, Schleicher County Days, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative barbecue, school sports, 4-H, and UIL events. That is in addition to the usual run of engagements, weddings, and funerals. Of course, the rain or lack of it and grass fires continue to make the headlines and always will.

Just as when R.L. Carothers began the Success, the city council is discussing taxes, personnel and the condition of city streets. The school board is still hashing out the dress code, hiring of football coaches, the handbook, and cheerleading policies. The condition of county roads, tax rates, purchase of vehicles, insurance, the swimming pool, the golf course and the baseball field are still topics of the county commissioners' meetings.

But some things have disappeared. Like many columns that ran during my tenure. Do you remember "From the Horse's Mouth?" By Jerry Swift. "Household notes," by his cohort Nancy Lester; "In Those Days, a column of events that happened 25 or 50 years before and written by anyone who had the time; "Duplicate Bridge," by the bridge players themselves "Spotlight on Business," written by anyone who could find a business that had not been spotlighted before and "Just Talking" by yours truly. Writing weekly columns, by the way, gets very old very quickly. That is why your children or family become the

topics for it quite often.

The addition of so many more responsibilities meant more time away from home, lugging three children to events, or hiring babysitters, so I finally make the decision to quit the newspaper business. Eventually I went into teaching, but find I still use my newspaper background a lot.

Those were fun times, even when someone expressed a big

complaint. Just as the newspaper is a vital part of a community and a history book, the Eldorado Success is a big part of my past and I would not give anything for those memories and experiences. My hat goes off to Randy and Kathy. They do a really wonderful job of reporting the news and reflecting the lives of Schleicher County citizens. No doubt Carothers, Wright, and Gunstead would agree.



Just a little to the right — Joey Jones (right) assisted Success publisher Randy Mankin Monday. The men installed a plaque on the front wall of The Eldorado Success office commemorating the founding of the newspaper 100th ago.

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Fredericksburg Pacific War Museum to open "Combat Zone Exhibit" tomorrow

FREDERICKSBURG — A new outdoor exhibit at the National Museum of the Pacific War will showcase a collection of rare artifacts in a realistic World War II setting.

The Pacific Combat Zone will open in Fredericksburg on Dec. 7 as part of "Remember Pearl Harbor 2001," the official mainland commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This is one of two official mainland events. Keynote speaker will be former president George Bush who is a Pacific War veteran.

The new, 3½-acre outdoor interpretive exhibit center, located two blocks northeast of the museum, features several of the museum's large, outdoor artifacts in

true-to-life settings.

"Americans can't visit World War II battlefields in the Pacific as easily as they can similar historic combat sites in the U.S. and Europe," said Joe Cavanaugh, executive director of the museum. "In the Pacific Combat Zone, visitors will see how land, naval and air forces worked together to win the war. They also will better understand the realities of island warfare from the important roles of maintenance and logistics to the grim reality of burying dead in remote locations far from home."

The Pacific Combat Zone includes the following exhibitions:

- Hangar Deck of an American Aircraft Carrier. As they enter the Pacific Combat Zone, visitors will

first step aboard the hangar deck of an aircraft carrier where it appears a TBM Avenger bomber is being armed and serviced for its next mission. This is the same type of bomber that former President Bush flew during his Pacific War naval service.

• South Pacific PT Boat Base. At the South Pacific forward base, a PT Boat prepares to sortie on a mission. Docked alongside a pier, the boat sits amidst a flurry of activity as its crew prepares for the next trip. Drums of aviation gasoline and ammunition boxes along the dock, together with an original Packard V-12 PT boat engine, add to the scene's authenticity.

- Beachhead. Simulating an American landing on a Japanese-

held island, this exhibit brings guests up close and personal with the reality of island warfare. An American landing craft, ramp down, faces a Japanese tank while dug-in bunkers and foxholes litter the landscape, depicting a beachhead immediately after an American invasion of a Japanese-held island.

• Hospital. A roughly constructed, corrugated steel Quonset housing a medical unit will be reminiscent of the stations charged with providing essential care to the thousands wounded during the war. Visitors will be able to ob-

serve a MASH-style aid station like those on Okinawa.

• Burial Ground. As quickly as possible after a battle, American servicemen were buried in temporary graves. All the graves were carefully marked with one of the person's dog tags buried with him, and the other attached to a board marking the burial site. Later, people were re-interred to veteran's cemeteries, mostly in Hawaii.

The National Museum of the Pacific War, formerly the Admiral Nimitz Museum, is a state historical site managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife and supported

by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with current identification, and free for children aged 5 and younger. Special rates are available for schools and tour groups of 20 or more with confirmed advance reservations.

Detailed information on the Pacific Combat Zone and the commemoration is available on the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/nimitz/nimitz.htm>) or by calling 866-PEARL60, (866) 732-7560.

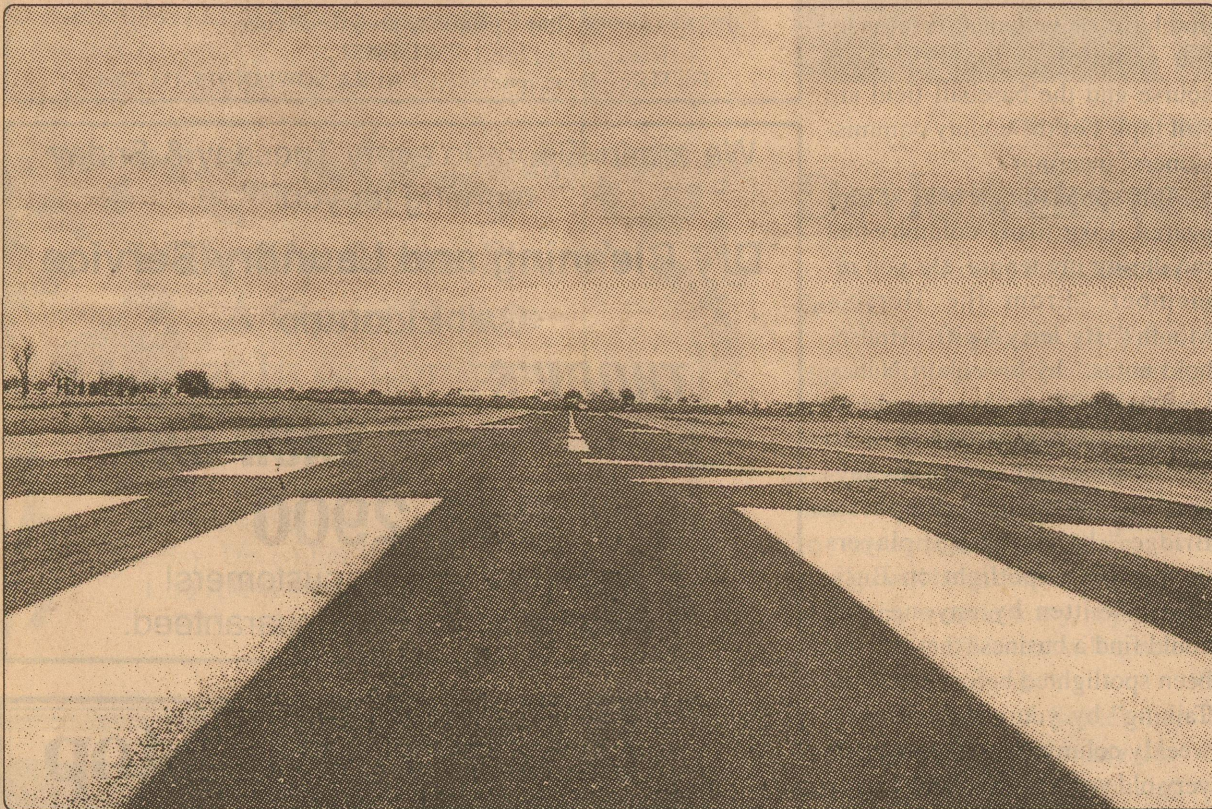
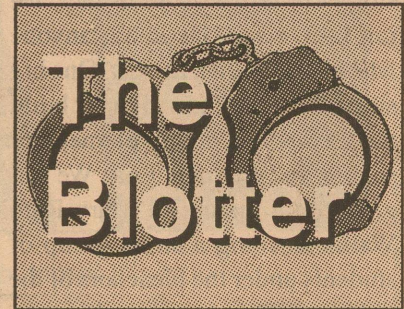


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Long, long runway — The newly paved runway at the Schleicher County airport stretches 4,200 feet, north to south. With resurfacing complete, Schleicher County Commissioners will now decide about new hangars, lighting and fuel facilities.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

November 28

Martinez, Jesus Rodriguez, male age 56, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct Enhanced Class B Misdemeanor.

November 29

Caples, Christopher J., male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended.

December 2

Adame, Hector Manuel, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

December 3

Timms, Jimmy Dale, male age 45, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Appear/Bond Forfeiture.

REPORTS

November 27

6:28 p.m. Complainant reported a calf or a heifer on County Road 412. Animal was placed on the another property.

November 28

9:12 a.m. Complainant reported a truck had struck a tree 15 miles North on Hwy. 277. Two officers responded but were unable to locate.

8:26 a.m. Complainant re-

ported a red Ford van had hit a rock wall. No injuries. Officer responded.

4:50 p.m. Complainant requested that an officer be sent to apartments because a male subject was punching the walls with their fist and being disorderly. Officer responded.

9:24 p.m. Complainant reported an accident on Murchison and East Street. Officers and EMS responded.

6:55 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle had slid off the road 5 miles North on Hwy. 277 and was disabled. Officer responded.

8:17 a.m. Complainant stated that a vehicle accident on 277 North will be a pickup unknown color individual hit a tree and ran into a fence.

8:40 a.m. Complainant stated that there was a vehicle accident 9 miles South on Hwy. 277 involving a brown super cab pickup. Officers responded.

9:58 p.m. Complainant reported a small green car slid off into a ditch by BJ's Service. Officer responded.

November 29

10:23 a.m. Complainant reported that they needed an officer on East Street. Stated that their sister was trying to leave their residence and was unable due to boyfriend not letting her go.

10:30 Subject stated that during bus route they came upon a stranded motorist.

11:00 a.m. Male complainant reported that they had slid off the road, no injuries on Hwy. 190 West pass cemetery. Subject requested an officer.

2:00 p.m. Complainant reported some goats out on Rudd Road.

5:45 p.m. Subject reported a brown Chevy pickup driving by their residence playing loud music.

6:00 p.m. Hospital reported a subject in the emergency room with a dog bite. Officer responded.

November 30

8:15 a.m. Complainant reported that a set of Snake Eye golf clubs valued at \$995 were taken from their vehicle while parked in front of the Masonic Lodge sometime between 7:30 PM and 9:30 PM on November 29. Bag contained Accura Irons, Jacobs Wedges, Ball Retriever, Calloway Bag, Glove and Golf Balls.

9:25 a.m. Subject reported green Nokia cell phone and silver earrings were taken from their vehicle which was parked across from the Middle School between 1:00 PM and 3:40 PM. Estimated value for phone \$70 and earrings \$25.

1:00 p.m. Complainant reported loud music. Officer responded.

9:50 p.m. Subject reported loud music on Old Sonora Road.

Officer responded and citation was issued to the owner of the two tone GMC pickup.

December 01

10:15 p.m. Reported that someone had been mudding at the airport and that there are mud tracks up on the new runway. Information passed on two county's road superintendent.

1:20 p.m. Complainant reported to the Sheriff's Department that the golf clubs that they had reported missing on 11/30 have been located.

4:15 p.m. Unknown complainant reported children playing basketball at the corner of Pecan and Warner Streets. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

7:10 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Old Sonora Road. Officer responded.

10:10 p.m. Complainant reported seeing a large fire and explosion in the sky west 8 to 10 miles North off Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

3:08 a.m. Complainant reported fight on 100 Eastfield Drive and requested an officer.

12:30 p.m. Report of a large truck, traveling at a slow speed 10 miles North on Hwy. 277. Not allowing other traffic to pass. Subject reported this to a Tom Green dispatcher and stated that the vehicle had almost caused several accidents. Officer responded.

5:25 Complainant stated that between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. his day someone had broken into their house and stole some items out of the refrigerator. Caller stated possible illegal passing through. Nothing else was missing from the house, but the food. Contacted the US Border Patrol in San Angelo.

8:40 p.m. Complainant stated that there was a black and white faced cow out in the middle of the road. Caller stated that they had nearly hit the cow and was needing an officer to remove the cow from the road. Officer responded and owner was contacted.

December 3

7:30 a.m. Complainant reported someone had run over their gas meter.

7:45 p.m. Complainant stated construction workers had hung a phone line with a dump truck. Officer responded along with electric company.

December 4

5:30 a.m. Complainant reported a tractor trailer disabled 7 miles East on Hwy. 190. Officer and DPS Trooper responded.

7:30 a.m. Complainant stated that someone had vandalized their vehicle. Officer responded.

1:00 p.m. Subject requested an officer to check their property because criminal mischief was done the night before.

1:00 p.m. Report of a brown horse out on Hwy. 190 West.

5:33 p.m. Report of illegal aliens. Officers responded and took 5 subject to Sheriff Office to hold for Border Patrol.

7:27 p.m. Subject stated that there are 3 cows on the Old Sonora Road walking toward Hwy. 277 South. Officer responded and located. Officer located one black heifer and found it to have been struck by a vehicle. Animal expired. Officer attempting to locate owner.

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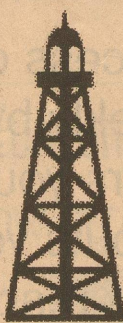
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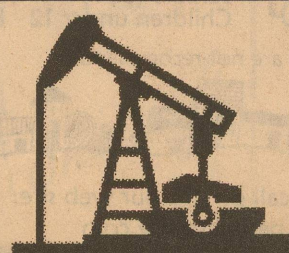
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We would also like to thank those who helped with our renovation in the newspaper office. Rick and Lori Stricklan, Jerry Jones, Joey Jones, Pat and Dianna Ragsdale, Raymond Riley and many, many others.

We also wish to thank our loyal readers to whom our work is dedicated. And, we truly appreciate our advertisers. They are the lifeblood of any newspaper and without them there would be no success at the Success.

Also, we want to express our appreciation to those who went before us...the pioneers like R. L. Carothers and A.T. Wright. It is they who laid the ground work and started the 100-year long tradition that we carry forward today. Also, Fred Gunstead who ran this newspaper for 32 years, and the others who came and went since his time.

Finally, and most importantly, we thank a great and loving God for smiling on our endeavors here. It is our hope that The Eldorado Success will continue to thrive under His blessings and that when the time comes, we may turn it over to others who will care for it as they carry our work on into the future.

Thank You, One and All!
Randy and Kathy Mankin

Employment

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The Eldorado City Council will open bids at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2001. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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Legal Notices

Notice is hereby given that on November 29, 2001, Sherry Lux, was issued Letters of Testamentary in the Estate of Sherry Lux, deceased. All claims against the Estate of Sherry Lux, deceased, should be presented to De Lux, executor, in care of the Law Offices of James A. Kosub, P.O. Box 460, Eldorado, TX. 76936, Attorney for the Estate of Sherry Lux, deceased. 48b

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JACKSON ANDREW HALBERT, JR. were issued on October 29, 2001, in Cause No. 1558, pending in the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas, to: ROBERT JACKSON HALBERT. The address of such Co-Executor is 507 W. Gillis Avenue, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

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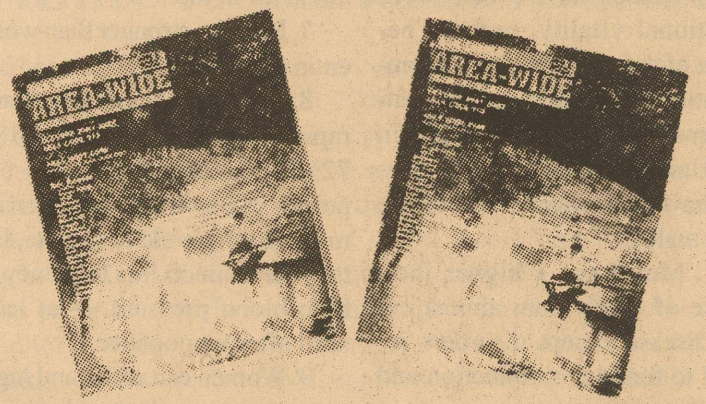
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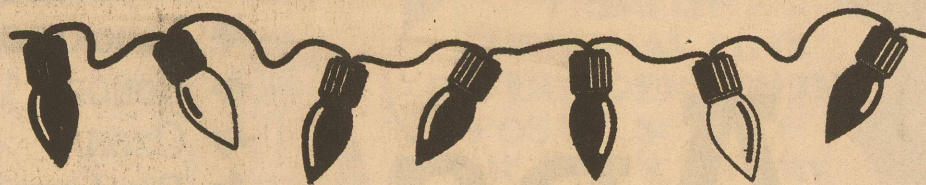
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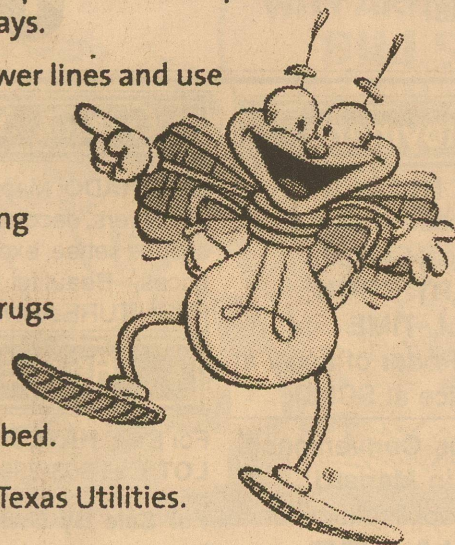
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Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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Differences Between Men and Women Are Obvious and Subtle

QUESTION: You've discussed briefly some of the physiological and emotional differences between the sexes. Could you list other physical characteristics unique to males and females?

DR. DOBSON: Men and women differ in countless ways, many of which they aren't even conscious of. Here are just a few of those differences.

1. Women have greater constitutional vitality, perhaps because of their unique chromosomal pattern. Normally, women outlive men by three or four years in the United States. Females simply have a stronger hold on life than males.

2. Men have a higher incidence of death from almost every disease except disorders related to female reproduction and breast cancer.

3. The sexes differ in skeletal structure, women having a shorter head, broader face, less protruding chin, shorter legs and longer trunk. The first finger of a woman's hand is usually longer than the third; with men the reverse is true. Men's teeth last longer than do those of women.

4. Women have a larger stomach, kidneys, liver and appendix, and smaller lungs than men.

5. Women have three very important physiological functions totally absent in men — menstruation, pregnancy and lactation. Each of these mechanisms influences behavior and feelings significantly. Female hormonal patterns are more complex and varied. The glands work differently in the two sexes. For example, a woman's thyroid is larger and more active; it enlarges during menstruation and pregnancy, which makes her more prone to goiter, provides resistance to cold, and is associated with the smooth skin, relatively hairless body and thin layer of subcutaneous fat that are important elements in the concept of personal beauty.

6. Women's blood contains more water (20 percent fewer red cells). Since these supply oxygen to the body, women tire more easily and are more prone to faint. Their constitutional viability is therefore strictly a long-range matter. When the working day in British factories, under wartime conditions, was increased from 10 to 12 hours, accidents of women increased 150 percent — but not at all in men.

7. Men are stronger than women in brute strength.

8. Women's hearts beat more rapidly than those of men (80 vs. 72). Their blood pressure (10 points lower than men) varies more from minute to minute, but they have much less tendency to high blood pressure — at least until after menopause.

9. Women can withstand higher temperatures better than men due to a difference in their metabolism.

10. Men and women differ in every cell of their bodies because they carry a differing chromosomal pattern. The implications of those genetic components range from obvious to extremely subtle.

Who can estimate how many other sex-related influences lie below the level of consciousness? *****

QUESTION: My wife and I sometimes get into fights when neither of us really wants to argue. I'm not even sure how it happens. We just find ourselves locking horns and then feeling bad about it later. Why can't we get along even when we want to?

DR. DOBSON: To answer the question I would need to know more about the circumstances that set off the two of you. The best I can do is describe one of the most common sources of conflict between people who are committed to each other. I call it experiencing "differing assumptions."

When husbands and wives

engage each other in angry combat, they often feel hurt, rejected and assaulted by the other person. But when these battles are analyzed objectively, we often see that neither side really meant to wound the other. The pain resulted not from intentional insults, but from the natural consequences of seeing things from a different angle.

For example, a man might assume that Saturday is his day to play golf or watch a game on television because he worked hard all week and deserved a day off. Who could blame him? But his wife might justifiably assume that he should take the kids off her hands for a few hours because she's been wiping runny noses and changing diapers all week long. She deserves a break today and expects him to give it to her. Again, it's a pretty reasonable assumption. When these unique perspectives collide, about 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, the sparks start to fly.

How can you avoid the stresses of differing assumptions at home? By making sure that you and your wife get no surprises. Most of us can cope with anything if we see it coming in time.

 Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.focus.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.
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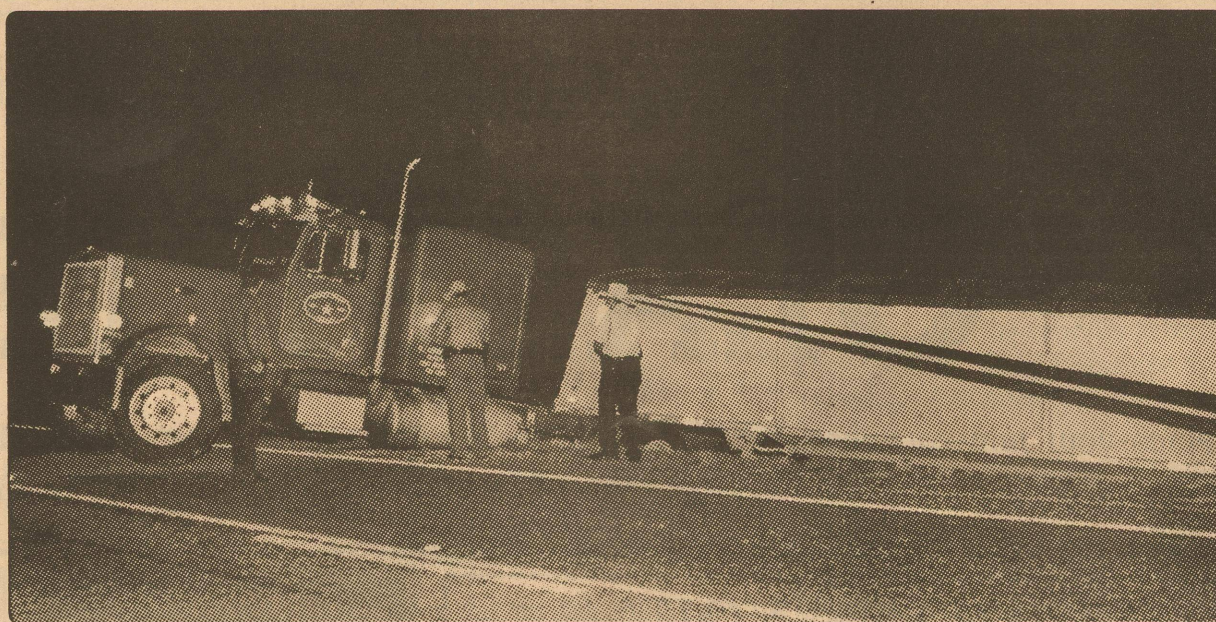


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Big rig — This tractor-trailer rig belonging to Moore Ranch, jackknifed early Tuesday morning seven miles East of Eldorado on U.S. 190. The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Robert Bybee and Deputy David Oliván. The rig sustained very little damage and no citations were issued.

DPS offers winter weather driving tips

Tracherous winter conditions can make travel along Texas roads a dangerous proposition. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to pay attention to changing weather conditions and prepare for the winter driving season.

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For current road conditions, it's best to watch your local news reports, or look up the Texas Department of Transportation's Web site at: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>. The Texas Department of Transportation's road conditions hotline is 1-800-452-9292.

Winter driving tips include:
 • Slow down! Speed is the main

problem with driving on ice. Adjust your speed to fit the weather conditions. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you.

• Wear your seat belt, and make sure your children are buckled up.

• Remember, you can't always see ice. It forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas. If you hit a patch of ice, stay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice.

• If your car goes into a skid, take your foot off the gas pedal, but don't hit the brake. Steer gently in the direction you want the front of the car to go. As the car straightens out, you will be able to regain traction and control.

• Examine your tires to make sure the tread is not too worn. Do not attempt to drive in icy condi-

tions if your tires are excessively worn.

• Check your car battery before cold weather sets in. Battery power dips in cold weather.

• Keep blankets, a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper and gloves in your car. Take a food supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded.

• Keep the gasoline level as high as possible to prevent water condensation in the tank.

• Check the automobile's motor oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, ignition system, lights, heater, cooling system and wipers.

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Mrs. J. E. Mills was in from the ranch Wednesday, making purchases from our advertisers.

Uncle Joe Glascock, the veteran freighter of Sonora, passed through our town, headed south, the middle of the week.

Allison keeps ladies kid—extension sole and fine dress shoes. New lot just in. Call and examine them. The Red Front.

Ed. O. Evans left yesterday on a visit to his parents. We wish him a pleasant visit and hope that he will soon return.

Miss LaVeta Christian was a pleasant caller at THE PAPER office this week. We are always glad to see her and especially the new dress more.

A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds. Although a weed that no pleasure mars. Is like Stricklen's Benita cigars.

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Mrs. Matnews, late of Sonora, now occupies the Gillis building, having purchased same. We are always glad to welcome new people to this section.

D. W. Whittengil, traveling representative of the Bliss Syrup Co., was doing the town one day this week. Evidence of his work will arrive about January 1st.

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W. R. Morris, the popular cigar salesman of McCord, Collins & Co of Ft Worth, gave THE PAPER a pleasant and appreciated call Wednesday while in town. We smoke The Booster to his health.

In another column will be found the card of Messers Wilson & Slack, Lawyers and Land Agents. These gentlemen have recently located in our little city and purchased the residence and office of L.H. Brightman. We wish them such success in their new home.

Mr Cryer has been quite sick from an attack of the grip.

Asses Lee and Mittie Fields and Lot's Hill were very pleasant calls on THE PAPER this afternoon. Call again young ladies, we ways had a weakness for the lads, especially the young ladies.

Eldorado has been established since 1897 and there are as yet no graves in the cemetery. These died from natural causes. The law places the size of a plot that can be set in a cemetery.

Attention is called to the page announcement of Evans & McCartney. They have one of the best assorted lines of Holiday goods in this section, and it is unnecessary for you to go to San Angelo or Sonora to get your Xmas goods as an investigation will prove.

A. K. Bailey and family passed through town last Monday moving to Schleicher county. We regret to lose this good family, but our loss is their gain.—Richland Spgs Or in San Saba News.

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No. 1.

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In the School land case, argued this week in Angelo, J. A. Corbin vs J. W. McGee and E. T. Bridges judgement was rendered in favor of W. J. McGee, against all other parties. Notice of appeal was given by both defeated parties. Attorney L. H. Brightman was attorney for the successful contestant, and of course feels proud of his success. The same questions are involved in all other land cases to be tried here.

Owing to the non-arrival of part of our outfit we are forced to issue only 4 pages this week, but after we once get straightened out we will give our readers 8 pages of reading matter each issue. We ask you to look over our short comings this week. Our outfit was very badly damaged by the railroad company and we have not yet got it straightened out.

F. C. Bates Jr., returned from San Angelo Wednesday night. He has been busily engaged in keeping record of the school land case and says he is glad to get back to our live burg.

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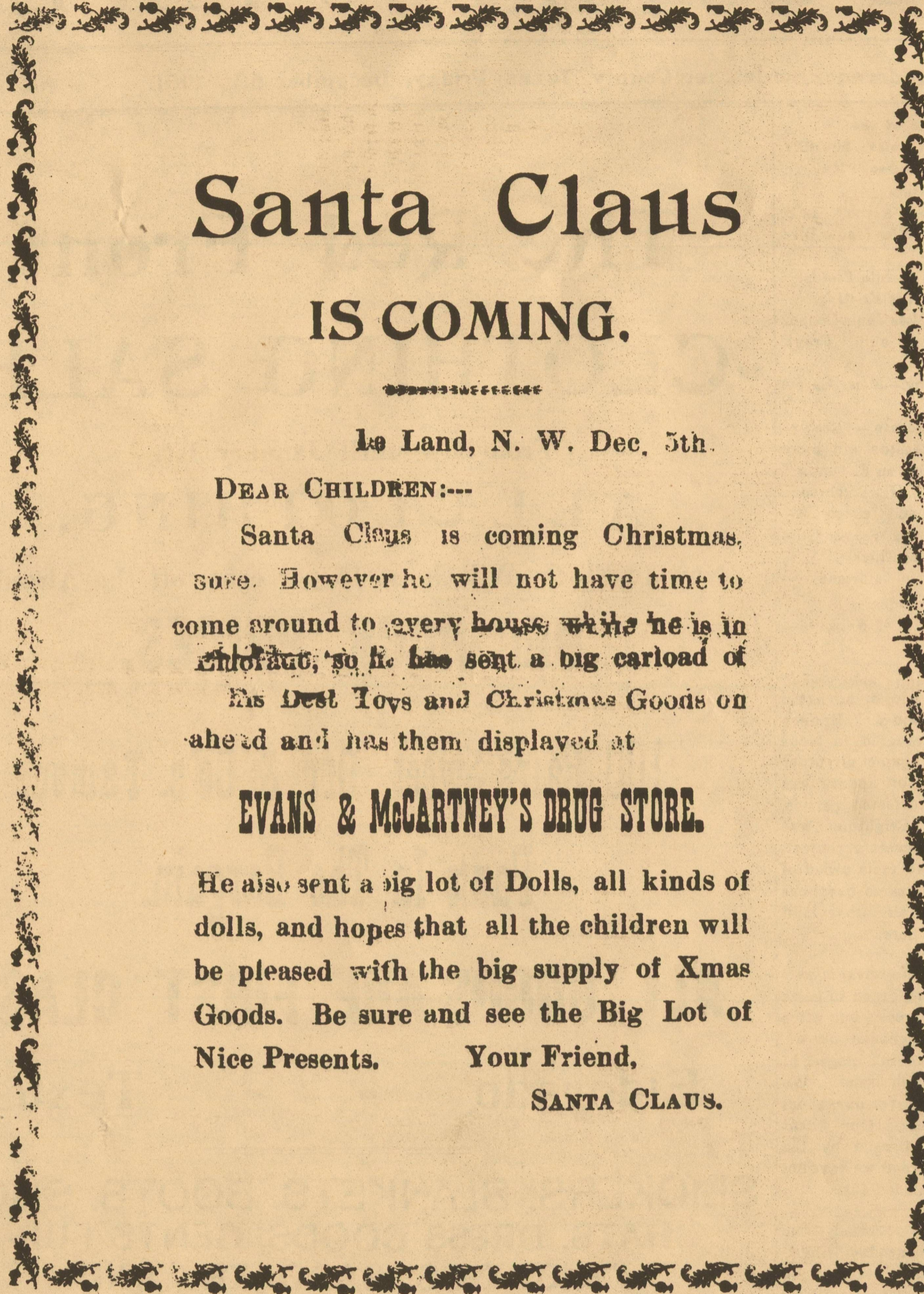
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SALUTATORY.
After several weeks of delay, unavoidable on our part, we today greet you with
THE ELDORADO PAPER.
While we have only been in this section a short time we now count ourselves as a part of this section, and it shall be our aim to assist in building up, not only Eldorado, but the county adjacent. To accomplish this we must have the assistance of all the residents of Schleicher county. No one knows better than a newspaper man how impossible it is for one person to build up a town or country without the hearty assistance of its citizens.

We have spent the greater part of our life in the newspaper business and don't feel that we owe any apology for embarking in this business here as every body knows the value of a live paper and that is our purpose.
You need not be afraid to let your wives and daughters read it at the home. This paper for every one, regardless of political or religious affiliations or beliefs.

Thanking you in advance for your favors and kind indulgence we are,
Respectfully,
R. L. CAROTHERS.

Jimmie Owens left yesterday to move his cattle beyond the Pecos, to find grass for them as he could not get pasturage nearer. He will return in about twenty days and remove his family. We regret that this move is necessary but wish him success in his new home.

Attorneys L. H. Brightman and Neil Brown are in San Angelo this week, arguing the law in the school land case, the argument having by mutual consent been transferred to that place on account of the advantages offered in law books there.

We want every man, woman and child in Schleicher and adjoining counties to read THE PAPER and help us to make it a necessity. We will do our part and ask you to do yours. Subscribe for yourself and send it to the folks at home.

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Mrs. E. E. Stricklen and children are recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

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A residence for 6 months with privilege of a year. This winter.

Quite a number of young folks and some not so young enjoyed a pleasant social at the residence of Mrs. E. E. Stricklen Saturday night.

Stricklen will give away a fine \$10 Doll on the 1st of January. Look out for particulars next week.

Among those attending the Thanksgiving Supper at Sonora, published in the Des Moines River News, we find the name of our handsome young merchant prince Frank Allison.

When you want a nice, tender juicy steak or roast, call on the butchers, Whitten & Baker. They can supply your wants. Fresh sausage and meats on hand.

John Estes and W. E. Kimmons from San Saba county arrived in our town Wednesday and we are informed that they will establish a blacksmith and machine shop on West Main street. We extend them a hearty welcome.

F. N. Ishudi, a prominent cigar manufacturer of New York spent a few hours in the burg Wednesday, while making the acquaintance of dealers in his cigars of which "The Booster" is a great favorite.

J. B. Hext the hardware man, sold his entire stock of hardware and furniture to Messrs. Y. T. Barnett and J. S. Lipe, Monday. These gentlemen will continue the business at the old stand and solicit your patronage.

A nice line of candies at Stricklen's.

Ray Miller and Will Mullins left last week for Del Rio on a business trip. We wish them success.

For all kinds of fancy goods see the Eldorado Paper.

We want enough wood to run us through the winter and some of our readers can pay their subscription in that necessity, at the market price. Bring us a load.

Elsewhere you will find the card of J. A. Robson, contractor and builder, who bids for a portion of the public patronage. He will be pleased to figure with you on your building.

Chas. Whitten, road overseer of this district, warned out his army of road hands and had them busily engaged in placing the San Angelo and Sonora road in a first class condition. It was needed.

We desire to thank our many friends who have shown us so many favors during our short residence in this section. It shall be our earnest endeavor to continue to merit their favors. We thank you one and all.

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Many of the cattlemen have overstocked their pastures and will be short on grass during the winter. Though there is probably not one of them that could not get more cattle if they would take them.

There will be four and one-half sections of school lands, located in this county, comes on the market on the 16th. of this month. There are already several applicants and we suppose there will be several others before the time comes.

Our newspaper friends have shown an unusual interest in the naming of this paper. Among the names suggested were "West Texas War Whoop," "The Blater," "Schleicher Cyclone," besides a dozen or more common names as the "Banner, News, Star, etc." Only one happened to guess the name, THE ELDORADO PAPER.

A mention is called to be displayed of Ray & Allison on first page. This business is under the management of the junior partner, Mr. Frank Allison, who is infusing the business with his live hustling qualities and ranks high among the business men of our growing town. We bespeak success for the firm, knowing Mr. Allison's enthusiastic, hustling nature.

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